

REMARKS

Claims 1-13, as amended, and new claims 34-40 are pending in this application. New claims 34-40 have been added to recite additional embodiments of the present invention and are supported in the present Specification as follows:

Claim(s)	Support in Specification
34	Claim 1 & Page 10, lines 16-21
35	Page 14, lines 9-25
36	Page 12, lines 3-16
37	Page 12, lines 17-30
38	Page 12, line 22
39	Page 10, lines 29-34
40	Page 12, lines 3-7

Claims 14-33 have been canceled. In addition, the Specification has been amended to reflect the priority claim to U.S. Patent Application No. 10/314,943, now pending. As no new matter has been added by the amendments herein, Applicants respectfully request entry of these amendments at this time.

CONCLUSION

All claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that the present amendments still do not resolve all of the issues regarding patentability of the pending claims, Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned attorneys to discuss any remaining issues.

No fees are believed to be due for this Preliminary Amendment. Should any fee be required, however, please charge such fee to Swidler Berlin Shreff Friedman, LLP Deposit Account No. 195127, Order No. 20002.0282A.

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